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**VIA ECFS**

April 28, 2017

Kris Monteith  
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Office of the Secretary  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service Under Tariff and Change to Offering of Broadband Internet Access Transmission Services on a Private Carriage Basis Only

GN Docket No. 14-28; CC Docket No. 02-33; WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Monteith,

Pursuant to the 2006 *Wireline Broadband Classification Order*<sup>1</sup>, the 2016 *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*<sup>2</sup>, and the *Open Internet Order*<sup>3</sup>, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Study Area Code 442041, is hereby providing the FCC with the attached notice of the Cooperative's discontinuance of consumer broadband-only loop (CBOL) service under tariff effective July 1, 2017. Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. had detariffed its broadband Internet access transmission services at an earlier date prior to the establishment of the CBOL service. In addition, the Cooperative will offer and provide broadband Internet access transmission service including CBOL only to its affiliated Internet service provider on a private carriage basis.

Following the notice to the FCC is the notice that Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. furnished its affiliated Internet service provider, which is presently the only customer of the Cooperative's broadband Internet access transmission service.

A copy of this notice is also being sent to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Governor of Texas, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense.

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<sup>1</sup> *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-33 et al., Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (*Wireline Broadband Classification Order*).

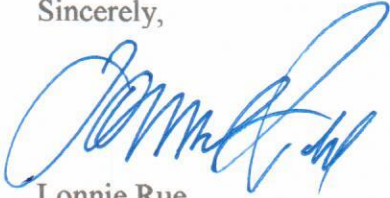
<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087, 3159, para. 193 (2016) (*Rate-of-Return Reform Order*).

<sup>3</sup> *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14.28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, Para 460 and n. 1378 (2015).

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lonnie Rue', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Attachment

**Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Study Area Code 442041**

**Notice of Discontinuance of Consumer Broadband Only Loop Service Under Tariff**  
**CC Docket No. 02-33**  
**GN Docket No. 14-28**  
**WC Docket No. 10-90**

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. currently offers consumer broadband-only loop service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby provides notice that the Cooperative has requested from NECA that it remove the Cooperative as a provider of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Services under Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, effective July 1, 2017. Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. had previously ceased offering Digital Subscriber Line Access service under tariff and currently offers on a detariffed basis.

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will continue to provide broadband Internet access transmission service on a permissive detariffed basis and on a private carriage basis exclusively to its affiliate Internet service provider (ISP). Since the Cooperative will cease to offer its broadband Internet access transmission on a common carrier basis, it is no longer necessary for it to make public the rates, terms, and conditions of the service. Instead, the rates, terms and conditions of the service will be furnished upon request to its affiliate ISP via intercompany memorandum.

The permissive detariffing of Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s broadband Internet access and CBOL service will apply to the entirety of the Cooperative's study area. This includes the following exchanges: Archer City, Bryson, Elbert, Eliasville, Jermyn, Loving, Newcastle, Olney, Orth, and Woodson.

Presently, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s only customer for its broadband Internet access transmission service is the Cooperative's own non-regulated ISP affiliate. The Cooperative's affiliated ISP purchases broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service for use as an input to the retail broadband Internet access services it offers to residential and business end-user customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of CBOL and the change to offering under a private carriage arrangement will have no effect on the end-user services provided by the Cooperative's affiliated ISP.

On April 27, 2017, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. furnished its affiliated ISP with the attached memorandum, which notifies the ISP of the Cooperative's plan to discontinue its provisioning of CBOL service under tariff and change to a private carriage basis exclusively.

cc: Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Governor of Texas  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense





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To: Brazos Internet

From: Lonnie Rue, CEO, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Date: April 27, 2017

RE: Notice of Detariffing Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service and Change to Private Carriage Offering

This is to notify you of a change in the way in which Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. provides broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service, which is used as an input for the broadband Internet access services that you offer to residential and business end-user customers.

Presently, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. provides CBOL service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 1, 2017, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will no longer offer its CBOL service under the NECA tariff. Instead, it will offer the service on a detariffed basis similar to how Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. provides your current broadband Internet access transmission service. Additionally, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will be changing the overall service offering to a private carriage basis. Service offerings on a private carriage basis are made exclusively to affiliate companies of Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. As an affiliate of Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. all rates, terms and conditions will be furnished upon request via intercompany memorandum.

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s detariffed, private carriage broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL services will be offered throughout the entirety of the Cooperative's service area. This includes the following exchanges: Archer City, Bryson, Elbert, Eliasville, Jermyn, Loving, Newcastle, Olney, Orth, and Woodson.

The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service will have no effect upon these services or the manner in which you purchase them.